take the properties of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai under its superintendence ;

(b) have the Government satisfied themselves that the management of the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai and his minor brother by the Court will affect the public beneficially;

(c) if so, on what grounds;

(d) have the Government ascertained the public view in the matter, before ordering the Court to assume control over the estate ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a). Under section 17.

(b) Yes.

(c) The estate itself and its numerous tenants and creditors should be saved from ruin.

(d) No.

238. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) whether they can assure this House from their experience of the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai that the liabilities of the estate do not exceed the assets;

(b) whether they are able to liquidate the debts of the estate within a reasonable time;

(c) if so, in what time and in what manner ;

(d) if with reference to sub-divisions (a) and (c) no definite answers can be given, will they be pleased to abandon the management of the estate so that public interest contemplated in section 17 of the Court of Wards Regulation may not be endangered ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is too early at this stage to give any definite answer.

(d) The management was assumed chiefly to safeguard the interests of the estate and of all those who had claims on the estate. The necessity for abandoning it has not yet arisen.

239. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that the annual income from the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai falls far short of the interests on the liabilities;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to ascertain from correctly obtained facts and figures whether it is so;

(c) the total amount of liabilities ascertained from claim petitions received hitherto under section 36 of the Court of Wards Regulation;

(d) how much of that amount are not binding on the minor and the family;

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